

BARNFIELD HOUSE,

STONECLOUGH,

Nr. MANCHESTER,

February 10th, 1898.

*To the Chairman and Members of the  
Kearsley District Council.*

GENTLEMEN,

The number of Deaths registered in your district during 1897 was 143, being at the rate of 15·46 per 1000 per annum, against 21·17 in 1896 and 18·47 in 1895. The highest numbers were 19 in November and 18 in March, and the lowest 4 in June and 5 in July. Bronchitis and other diseases of the lungs are, as usual, the chief causes of death, giving 29 against 37 in 1896 and 28 in 1895. Congenital Debility gives 20 against 28 and 18, Consumption 12 against 7 and 15, Diarrhoea 7 against 6 and 5, Heart Disease 6 against 11 and 5, Measles 5 against 10 and 4, Injuries 4 against 7 and 7, and Scarlet and Typhoid Fevers 2 each against 1 and 5. The deaths under 1 year were 42, 21 between 1 and 5, 5 between 5 and 15, 11 between 15 and 25, 34 between 25 and 65, and 30 over 65. All these figures are less than in 1896 except the last, there being only 25 deaths over 65 in that year.

The rate for children under 1 year to every 1000 born in the district was 153·2 against 216·5 in 1896, and 174·7 in 1895. This is a more satisfactory state of things than I have had to report for some years, the rate is in fact little above that for the

TABLE

TABLE OF DEATHS during the Year 1897, in  
according to Diseases

NAMES OF LOCALITIES.	MORTALITY FROM ALL CAUSES AT SUBJOINED AGES.							MORBIDITY			
	At all Ages.	Under 1 Year.	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and up- wards	Small-pox	Scarlatina	Diphtheria	Membranous Croup
KEARSLEY..	143	42	21	5	11	34	30	Under 5 5 upwds.	2 ..	.. ..	1 ..

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Urban Sanitary District of Kearsley, classified  
and Ages.

FROM SUBJOINED CAUSES, DISTINGUISHING DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE,																	
FEVERS.				Cholera 10	Erysipelas 11	Measles 12	Whooping Cough 13	Diarrhoea and Dysentery 14	Rheumatic Fever 15	Ague 16	Phthisis 17	Bronchitis, Pneumonia & Pleurisy 18	Heart Disease 19	Injuries 20	All other Diseases 21	Total 22	
Continued 7	Relaps- ing 8	Puer- peral 9															
..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	7	..	..	..	13	..	..	35	63	
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whole of England. The Zymotic rate from the seven principal contagious diseases is also very satisfactory being only 1·7 against 2·8 in 1896 and 1·8 in 1895. We have nevertheless had a considerable number of cases of Typhoid and of Measles, several schools having to be closed on account of the latter during November and December.

The Births registered during the year were 274, 146 male and 128 female, against 254 and 309 in the previous years. This gives a rate of 29·6 per 1000 and an excess of Births over Deaths of 131.

I hope the generally satisfactory state of these statistics may not be made an excuse for neglecting the various matters to which I have before directed your attention. In one direction there is an advance, (that is the adoption of the Dairies, Cow-sheds, and Milk-shops Order of 1885,) upon the report I made of the insanitary state of many of these places; efforts have also been made to alter the disgraceful state of many of the smaller streets but unfortunately with no result; others with, I believe, a better chance of success, to provide Hospital accommodation, but nothing has been done to adopt the Notification of Infectious Diseases Act or to really put down the Smoke Nuisance. There have been fewer complaints about the emptying of Ash-pits, but there is still room for improvement in that direction.

I remain,

Yours truly,

J. C. EAMES, M.D.